Chapter 11
Section 11.3

# Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Center Certification

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#### I. ISSUE

How are freestanding ambulatory surgery centers certified?

#### II. POLICY

A. Each contractor is the certifying authority for applications for status as an approved institutional provider for freestanding ambulatory surgery centers located within their geographical jurisdiction.

- B. The contractor will provide concurrent written notice of the effective date for termination of approved provider status to:
  - 1. The ambulatory surgery center affected.
- 2. The Commanding Officer of the Uniformed Service Medical Treatment Facility (USMTF) catchment area within which the center is located.
  - 3. The Chief, Office of Program Integrity, TMA.

## III. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A freestanding ambulatory surgery center applicant must fully comply with the criteria set forth in 32 CFR 199.6, except that status as an approved Medicare Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Center may be accepted instead of accreditation by the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Healthcare Facilities (formerly the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Hospitals) or by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc.

### IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

Freestanding ambulatory surgery centers were first eligible for status as an authorized institutional providers effective December 19, 1980.